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SUBJECT: DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION IN SEYCHELLES

FOLLOWING STATEMENT BY SEYCHELLES PRESIDENT JAMES MANCHAM ON
DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION IN SEYCHELLES IS EXTRACT FROM MARCH 23
INTERVIEW PUBLISHED IN NATION, GOVERNMENT OPERATED DAILY NEWSPAPER:
QTE: NATION: MR. PRESIDENT, WITH THE ARRIVAL OF THE CHINESE ENVOYS
AND THE RUSSIAN PLAN TO ESTABLISH AN EMBASSY HERE, WE WILL SOON
HAVE FIVE PERMANENT MISSIONS IN VICTORIA. DON'T
YOU THINK THAT THIS IS A BIT TOO MUCH FOR OUR LITTLE REPUBLIC?

PRESIDENT: I MUST ADMIT THAT I AM AMAZED AT THE SPEED WITH WHICH
THE FIVE SUPER-POWERS DECIDED TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS
ON A RESIDENTIAL BASIS IN SEYCHELLES. I AM PARTICULARLY AMAZED OF
THIS IN THE LIGHT OF OUR DECLARED PHILOSOPHY OF PLAYING
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INTERNATIONAL POLITICS AT THE LOWEST POSSIBLE LEVEL AND TO AVOID
GETTING INVOLVED IN BIG POWER CONFLICT. PERHAPS THIS DEVELOPMENT
IS DUE TO OUR GEOGRAPHIC AND STRATEGIC POSITION IN THE INDIAN
OCEAN. BUT SO LONG AS THE SUPER-POWERS RESPECT THE FIVE PRINCIPLES
DECLARED IN THE JOINT SEYCHELLES-CHINESE COMMUNIQUE-MUTUAL RESPECT
FOR SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, NYTIML NON-AGGRESSION,
PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE AND PARTICULARLY THE PRINCIPLE OF NON-INTER-

REFERENCE IN EACH OTHER'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND THE RIGHT OF EACH COUNTRY, HOWEVER BIG OR SMALL, TO DECIDE ITS OWN AFFAIRS,- I SEE NO DIFFICULTY FOR US TO BE AND TO REMAIN A FRIEND TO ALL.THERE ARE, HOWEVER TWO PRACTICAL POINTS TO CONSIDER: 1) WHETHER IN THE LIGHT OF EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE WE SHOULD ALLOW OTHER NATIONS TO ESTABLISH RESIDENCE IN THE COUNTRY AND 2) THE NUMBER OF STAFF FOR EACH EMBASSY. UNQTE
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